Defending Child Molest Allegations March 6, 2009

Why do you need this seminar?

- 1. **IULaw Evidence Professor Emeritus Henry Karlson** will take you through the hearsay, confrontation and 404(b) cases you need to know, aided by **Jack Kenney**'s excellent summary of the latest case law.
- 2. Atlanta defender **Doug Peters**, who has written the bible in this area for Georgia defense lawyers: The Defense of Child Molestation cases in Georgia, published in 1998 and annually updated. His wins have been featured on the Today Show, Court TV and Greta Van Susteren. He wrote the GACDL amicus brief that resulted in the Georgia Supreme Court holding that the defense is entitled to present expert testimony regarding proper techniques in interviewing child witnesses as well as the unreliability of the statements of children when improper techniques are used. Doug Peter's materials will include **125+ pages of motions.**
- 3. **Psychological expert Ann Dell Duncan** will outline the factors that make an interview of an alleged child victim suggestible, and discuss how to best present expert testimony on this issue. She will also provide a critique of the Finding Words curriculum, in which several Indiana prosecutors, police and child welfare workers have been trained.
- 4. **Medical doctor Charles Hyman** will provide you with an update on the medical evidence that should be seen in various types of child molestation.
- 5. Missouri Superlawyer, criminal defender **Joe Passanise** will address deposition of witnesses, dos, don'ts, lines of questions etc. Since Missouri is one of the few states besides ours that allows for depositions, Joe's strategy ideas should be of use to us.
- 6. **Professor (and brilliant defender strategist) Joel Schumm** will provide us with the arguments needed to challenge the credit restricted felon status.
- 7. We will also have a panel devoted to the right to present expert testimony and the most persuasive use of experts in these cases. Of course, the panel will address as many of your questions as time allows.